

## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and THE GEORGIA POLLUTION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE DIVISION PARTNERSHIP RED RIBBON LEVEL

National Environmental Performance Track and the Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Division Partnership (P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Georgia's P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership is a statewide Department of Natural Resources program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Red Ribbon Partner Level of the P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership (P<sup>2</sup>AD Partnership has four different levels: White, Yellow, Red, Blue). The comparison was completed using the Large Business and Government Institution Criteria of the P<sup>2</sup>AD program. For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

### Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include an EMS with a written policy and planned targets and goals.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals, and include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Future Performance:* Facilities must make commitments to standard indicators using a standard reporting format, and must normalize future environmental performance.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and Annual Performance Report are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Community References:* Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Annual Report:* Facility must submit an annual report on environmental progress and make it available to the public.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

### Georgia Pollution Prevention Assistance Divisions Partnership - Red Ribbon Level - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Facility must have developed cross-department environmental team, posted baseline environmental information at a central place, and commit to developing an environmental incentive program.
- *Application:* Facility must report baseline data for all environmental indicators (not just the commitment indicators).
- *Annual Report:* Facilities must describe approach used for determining significant aspects, and factors and criteria considered during the evaluation.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must report baseline and performance data for all environmental indicators (not just the commitment indicators).
- Facility must commit to implementing at least one supply chain or environmentally preferable purchasing activity.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must implement at least one of six activities: community meetings; reduction of noise, light, or odor; community waste reduction program; environmental education activities; habitat protection program; or other P<sup>2</sup>AD approved activity.
- *References:* Facility must provide federal and state regulatory contacts.

### Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Components and Audits:* At the time of application, facility must have established clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals; plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues; documented management review; and EMS assessments and compliance audits. (P<sup>2</sup>AD requires facilities to implement these components, but over three years).
- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application. (P<sup>2</sup>AD requires facilities to implement these components, but over three years).
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility should have one full cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review at the time of application. (P<sup>2</sup>AD requires facilities to implement these components, but over three years).
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements in two indicators (1 indicator for small facilities).
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future environmental performance improvements in four indicators from at least two unique categories (2 indicators for small facilities).
- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.

Web Site: [www.p2ad.org](http://www.p2ad.org)

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